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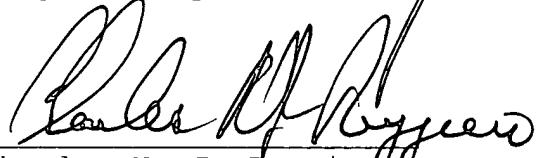
The Notice of Non Compliance asserts that the claim section of the amendment filed on June 24, 2003 did not present the claims in ascending numerical order.

In response, Applicants respectfully submit a revised claim section correcting the above noted error. Specifically, the revised claim section submitted herewith includes the status identifier "cancelled" indicating that claims 1-6, claims 8-9, claim 11, and claim 13 were cancelled.

In addition, the status identifier for claim 10 has been changed from "previously amended" to "previously presented". Further, the status identifier for claim 12 has been changed from "unamended" to "previously presented".

If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, he is invited to call the telephone number below for an interview.

Respectfully submitted,



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